

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 3712–3726; 1 private bill, H.R. 3727; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 86 and H. Res. 496–500, were introduced. **Pages H88–89**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H89–90**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simmons to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H39**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools: H. Res. 492, honoring the contributions of Catholic schools, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 2; **Pages H40–44, H58**

Sense of the House regarding the benefits of mentoring: H. Res. 491, honoring individuals who are mentors and supporting efforts to recruit more mentors, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 3; **Pages H44–48, H58–59**

Recognizing the achievements related to the Mars Exploration Rover Mission: H. Res. 490, recognizing and commending the achievements of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Cornell University in conducting the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and recognizing the importance of space exploration, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 389 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 4; and **Pages H48–52, H59–60**

Agreeing with the Senate on S. Res. 281: H. Res. 489, stating the agreement of the House of Representatives with the sentiment expressed by the Senate in Senate Resolution 281, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 394 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 5. **Pages H52–57, H60**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from Representative Gonzalez wherein he announced his resignation from the Committees on Financial Services and Small Business, and the Select Committee on Homeland Security, effective January 20, 2004. **Page H61**

Committee Election: Agreed to H. Res. 495, electing Representative Gonzalez to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H61**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2004, and further that when it adjourn

on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27 for morning hour debate. **Page H62**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, January 28, 2004. **Page H62**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, January 27, 2004. **Page H62**

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Mr. Robert Shireman of Oakland, California to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance. **Page H87**

Message from the Clerk: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein he notified the House that he received a message from the Senate on Tuesday, January 20, 2004. **Pages H57–58**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H58, H58–59, H59–60, and H60. There were no recorded votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

USDA'S BSE RESPONSE

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the USDA's Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) Response. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

RESERVE COMPONENT HEALTHCARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on Reserve Component Healthcare: Medical Holdovers in Current and Future Deployments. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Sgt. Craig Allen LaChance, USA, Medical Holdover Company; and Col. John M. Kidd, USA, Garrison Commander, Third Infantry Division (Mechanized), both at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Col. Keith Armstrong, USA, Garrison Commander, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA, Surgeon General; Daniel Denning, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, USA, Commanding General, First Army; the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Vice. Adm. Michael L. Cowan, USN,

Surgeon General; and Rear Adm. John M. Stewart, Jr., USN, Deputy Commander, Navy Personnel Command; and public witnesses.

REPORT—SPECIAL EXAMINATION OF FREDDIE MAC

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on the OFHEO's report of the Special Examination of Freddie Mac. Testimony was heard from Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Human Development; and Martin F. Baumann, Chief Financial Officer, Freddie Mac.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2003; H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003; H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act; and H.R. 2391, Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act of 2003.

CAN U.S. COMPANIES COMPETE GLOBALLY USING AMERICAN WORKERS?

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Can U.S. Companies Compete Globally Using American

Workers? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine avoiding conflicts of interest at the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold a closed briefing regarding ongoing military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, including other areas of interest, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Ricardo S. Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gene E. K. Pratter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Neil Vincent Wake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.